

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 5-20 are pending in the present application after this amendment cancels claims 2 and 4. Claims 1, 8, and 10-20 have been amended to correct typographic errors, to respond to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, §102, and §103, and/or to further clarify the subject matter recited therein. No new matter is added. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claims 8 and 16 based on informalities. The amendments to claim 8 incorporates the Examiner's suggestions for overcoming the informality. Regarding the objection to claim 16, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim as presented is appropriately formulated, and the formulation is consistent with claims 15, 17, and 18. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner acknowledges that claim 4 is directed to allowable subject matter. With the amendment of claim 1 to include the features of cancelled claims 2 and 4, claim 1 and claims 3 and 5-9 are now allowable.

The amendments to claims 10, 15, and 16 have been amended to include the features of claim 4, and therefore these claims are now in condition for allowance.

The amendments to claims 11, 12, 17, and 18 have been amended to include the features of the server of claim 4, and therefore these claims are now in condition for allowance.

The amendments to claims 13, 14, 19, and 20 have been amended to include the features of the client of claim 4, and therefore these claims are now in condition for allowance.

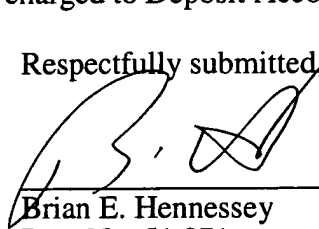
Therefore all of claims 1, 3, and 5-20 are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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